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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to constitute a task force comprising experts from the health and tourism sector to examine issues relating to medical tourism ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that decision had been taken to standardise and accredit all hospitals in India in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. A task force has been set up with a view to promoting India as a Health Destination for persons across the globe, so as to gainfully utilize the health care expertise and infrastructure available in the country.

The Task Force has been entrusted with issues relating to making available specific types of health facilities including super-speciality medical care, out-sourcing of medical services, traditional medicine expertise available etc. Identification of the list of hospitals / institutions having standard facilities has also been entrusted to the Task Force.